

## CONGRESSMAN C. F. BOOHER FILES HIS FORMAL DECLARATION

The Fourth District Member Complies  
With the Wishes and Desires of  
His Constituents

Who Are Satisfied With His Course in  
Congress And Will Return Him  
For Further Service

On Saturday, Congressman Charles F. Booher of this district filed at Jefferson City his formal declaration and paid the fee which action enters him as a candidate to succeed himself as congressman from the Fourth district.

Mr. Booher has made good in congress, and his formal announcement is hailed with pleasure by his friends, who recognize his standing and worth and who are enthusiastic in his support.

They point to the fact which cannot be disputed, that now above all is the time that he should be retained in the position which he has so ably filled, for this nation is now in a position which it has never heretofore occupied and men who are alive to the situation and who are in harmony with the administration as is Mr. Booher, are the ones to be retained. No new man, no matter how much capability and fitness as a legislator he might later develop under training, they truthfully assert is wanted in this time of national stress and peril.

All conservative men agree that when a good man is placed in a responsible position and he has demonstrated his capability as has Congressman Booher, that he should be kept where he is, for it requires years of training to bring about efficiency, and these years Mr. Booher has, and his efficiency is beyond question. A bank or wholesale or great retail mercantile establishment that would change heads every year or two simply from the fact that some other man wanted the position, would or could not survive—



CONGRESSMAN CHARLES F. BOOHER

and this is true of this great public office and trust.

The fact that Congressman Booher has been in full accord with President Wilson and the Democratic administration on all great measures is a potent factor which will go far in the coming campaign. Congressman Booher has been active in the support and passage of some of the greatest constructive and remedial legislation that has been enacted during the entire history of this great republic, and which has characterized the present congress as the most useful body that has ever handled the affairs of state in the nation's history. This is known by the Democrats and admitted by the Republicans of the entire country.

Congressman Booher has always been faithful to his constituency and is always at his post of duty doing the things for which his constituency sent him to the seat of government. Even when his position was in jeopardy and men in his district were seeking to supplant him, he has remained steadfastly at his post in Washington, attending to the duties for which he was elected, conscious of the fact that the people would reciprocate his trust in them and attend to the task of returning him—which they have done cheerfully and gladly, thereby demonstrating to him that they were truly appreciative of his trust in them and his efforts in their behalf.

Mr. Booher is known as one of the hardest workers in congress. He is early at his desk and never dodges a vote or fails to assert himself in what he believes to be right—which he regards as his duty. No constituent, no matter what his creed, position or condition, ever addressed him or called upon him with a proposition or measure, but received prompt and careful consideration and attention—and Mr. Booher in that which he has undertaken has met with all success that was possible.

It is laudable for any man in the Fourth district to aspire to such a high honor as a seat in congress—and there are many men in this district who with the necessary acquaintance and training could fill the position with distinction and honor; but at this time—this period of greatest constructive legislation and activity in the history of the American people—the voters and people of the Fourth district of Missouri feel that their interests are safe in the capable hands of Congressman Booher and they will so assure him by giving him their hearty support at the August primaries.

### BOOK OF ST. LOUISANS

In Its Revised and Brought Down-to-Date Edition It Gives Some Interesting Data

St. Louis, Mo., May 10—"The Book of St. Louisans" is the title of a volume the second edition of which was published in 1912, "revised, enlarged and brought down to date." This book was published by the St. Louis Republic. The "foreword" of the volume, among other things, says: "In every case where possible, the facts were procured at first hands, and the sketches were submitted for verification and correction, thus giving to the book a quality practically autobiographical. In this painstaking way its authenticity has been safeguarded and its value as a reference book greatly enhanced." On page 219 of this book appears the following personal sketch, which is of interest as showing how the party himself, whose sketch is given, regarded his own politics:

"Gardner, Frederick Dozier, president St. Louis Coffin Co.; born, Hickman, Ky., Nov. 10, 1870; son of William Henry and Mary (Dozier) Gardner; educated in common schools of Kentucky and Tennessee; married, St. Louis, Oct. 16, 1895, Jeannette Vossburgh; three children: William King, Dozier, and Janet. Came to St. Louis at age of seventeen, in 1887, and entered employ of St. Louis Coffin company as office boy, and has advanced until is now sole owner of the business. Established, 1898, the Memphis Coffin company, at Memphis, Tenn., and is owner of same and chairman of board of directors. Member Business Men's league; independent in politics; member board of trustees Lindell Avenue Methodist church. Clubs: St. Louis, Glen Echo, Belle Drive, County; also one of the eight members of the Mud Lake Club of Arkansas, owning a same preserve of 2,000 acres. Recreations: golf and hunting. Office: Eighteenth street and Chouteau avenue. Residence: 4508 Pine street."

### THE NEBRASKA RETURNS

They Disclose that Both of the Bryans Were Badly Beaten in the Late Primary

If it takes as long to get the returns from the August primary in this state as it did to get the primary returns from Nebraska, there will be many an anxious candidate who will grow gray hairs during the wait. The Nebraska primaries were held two weeks ago last Tuesday, and it was not until yesterday that the official returns were available. A blanket ballot was the cause of the long delay.

A feature of the primary as shown by the primary was the conclusive and decisive defeat of both William Jennings and his brother Charles W., the former for national delegate-at-large, and the latter for governor of the state. The official returns show that William Jennings Bryan ran only sixth in a field of eight, the four high men to be elected, and his vote was 37,792 as against 47,556, or 9,764 votes short of the top man. His brother, Charles W. Bryan, fared even worse, his opponent, Keith Neville, polling 52,856, while he only polled 31,012, or 21,844 less than the successful Neville.

### THURSDAY DOLLAR DAY

And It Will Be the Biggest Event of Its Kind Ever Held in the State

All roads will lead to St. Joseph next Thursday, at which time "Dollar Day" will be the order, and it will be made the greatest event of its kind in the history of the state. There have been a number of "Dollar Days" held last fall and this spring, but none will equal the coming event, for the men in charge of it—Moe E. Mayer, Percy Johnson and H. B. Drake—know how to conduct a successful event—and they will do it.

The merchants of St. Joseph are ready for the event. They have more—and better—and cheaper—and prettier—and cheaper dollar bargains than ever before known at any place or at any time. All roads lead to St. Joseph Thursday, May 18. Come.

The Noyes hospital was formally opened to the public Monday, and patients were received for treatment. This splendid hospital will be a lasting testimonial to the late C. W. Noyes, who gave the money for its building and upkeep.

St. Joseph was signally honored this week by the appointment of Milton Tootle, Jr., as one of the vice-presidents of the B. F. B. Permanent Blind Relief War fund for soldiers and sailors of the European war, and Mr. Tootle has accepted the appointment.

### MITCHELL KILLED NEAR GOWER

The 12-year-old son of John Mitchell, a farmer living in the east part of this county, about four miles north of Gower, was accidentally killed the early part of the week while crawling through a barbed wire fence with a gun. The boy and his father were out in a pasture when they saw some young squirrels, and the boy ran back to the house for a shotgun. In returning he was obliged to crawl through a barbed wire fence, and in so doing the gun was discharged, the lead penetrating his head and chest. He lived about three hours. Dr. S. B. Reynolds of State Hospital No. 2 was at Gower at the time of the accident.

### 'HE'S THE STUFF'

Orellius G. Harbison Is the Right Kind to Send Out Over the District

O. G. Harbison of St. Joseph was in town Thursday. He is a Republican, but is boosting Raleigh Martin for the Democratic nomination for congress—Elmo Register.

Harbison is the right sort of stuff—he's the proper "medicine" to send around over the district—he certainly should "grab the votes." A Republican of his standing and attainments should have no trouble at all in converting every Democrat he meets to at once become an active partisan for the man whom Harbison represents.

Just a few of Harbison's qualifications should suffice—and here are a few:

On the second of March this year Harbison filed with Federal Judge A. S. Van Valkenburg of this district a petition in bankruptcy. In this petition he filed a schedule of assets and liabilities which recites that he owes J. L. McAninch \$60,000; Sewell & Carter of Burlington Junction, \$1,600; the Hughes County Bank of Blunt, S. D., and L. A. Tommy of Oneida, S. D., \$250; the Ross Lumber company of Burlington Junction, \$165; Lane & McKnight of Burlington Junction, \$90; Nicholas & Harvey of the same place, \$65; the Nodaway Valley Bank of Maryville, \$85; C. Switzer & Co. of the same place, \$65, and Cora B. Tatman of St. Joseph, \$800, none of these claims being secured. He also lists \$400 due for board to J. L. McAninch.

In his statement of property which he owns he lists 320 acres of land in Weld county, Colorado, with some stock in an irrigation company on which there is a mortgage of \$17,500, and of which he naively asserts in his petition that "the above \$17,500 being in the judgment of the bankrupt more than said land is worth."

He admits that he has no goods or money except household goods and wearing apparel worth \$100, and these he claims as exempt.

Harbison should most assuredly be a vote catcher—he should even be able to convert those men and firms to whom he owes that \$82,000 with no assets.

### THE NOISE OF HILL

He Talks as If He Were in League With the Republican Party Seeking a Campaign Issue

A. Ross Hill, president of the University of Missouri, has been barnstorming over the state for the past three weeks (presumably in the interest of the Republican party), yelling at the top of his voice that the state of Missouri is "busted." He probably has taken his cue from the Globe-Democrat, whom no one believes, and The Post-Dispatch, whom no one but he could believe—as these two Republican organs each year turn a few contortions in their efforts to hurt the best state in the Union.

It might not be out of place to state to A. Ross Hill, in answer to his vehement statement that "all the state officials and hangers-on get their money first; what is left goes to other departments," that the state university has been very generously taken care of—that it is in itself burdened with the greatest crop of "hangers-on" of any institution of the state—and that when the next legislature meets, one of the first things put through by one of the hold-over state senators will be a resolution to investigate the payrolls and expenditures of the university—and then there may be less noise heard from A. Ross Hill about a "busted Missouri"—to help the Republican party.

Tuesday and Wednesday, the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary societies of the Missouri Conference of the Southern Methodist churches was held.

## HIS DEATH IS ST. JOSEPH'S LOSS

With the Passing of Alfred Meier One of Its Best Loved Citizens Is Gone

WAS LOVED AND  
RESPECTED BY ALL

In His Brief Span of Sixty-eight Years He Had Witnessed Many Changes and During That Period He Had Used His Talent and His Opportunities for the Advancement of All That Stood for the Good and Betterment of Those Who Were of His Family, His State, His City and His Community.

With the drab hearse surrounded by an escort of gray uniformed Turners—the comrades he so loved in life—the earthly remains of Alfred Meier, St. Joseph's best beloved citizen and business man, were on Tuesday afternoon conveyed to beautiful Ashland, where after a touching ceremony the body was laid to rest eternal. With tears on their cheeks and sobs in their throats and poignant sorrow in their hearts, the hundreds of relatives and friends gave a last look at the floral covered mound, then turned back to the city to again resume life's labors and to carry in their hearts loving memories of he who had passed beyond mortal vision.

It is seldom that such an assemblage of citizens takes place, and it spoke only too lightly of the generous esteem in which Alfred Meier was held. His sterling qualities had endeared him to all and with his passing they met to in this feeble way express their sorrow and their esteem and love for him who is no more.

All of the county and city officials were in attendance and all business interests were fully represented. In addition to the local representations many visitors and delegations came from other cities and towns.

### Atchison Well Represented

Atchison, the former home of the deceased, was represented by a very large delegation headed by the fire chief, and in which delegation there was also a body of Atchison Turners and a portion of the singing section.

The Kansas City Turnverein and the German-American Alliance of Kansas City each had a large delegation, and St. Louis sent Count Von Reppert, a noted attorney of that city, with a large delegation of the German-American Alliance.

At the grave Count Von Reppert delivered a masterly oration, in which he told in detail of the good qualities and the splendid service of the deceased.

### Services at the Home

The services at the home were in charge of Rev. F. C. Kitch, pastor of Zion's Evangelical church, who in a comprehensive address told of the esteem in which the deceased was held by all men and of the loss that had occurred to the family and the community. The services were held in the west parlor of the home, which was one solid assemblage of beautiful floral emblems. The singing was by the St. Joseph Maennerchor, of which the deceased was a member. One of the songs sung was the "Grabenfeld," which translated means gravesong, and in connection with its rendition calls up a significant remark made by the deceased at the last rehearsal of the organization which he attended.

Mr. Meier's death was caused by a throat affection, and when he attended the rehearsal a few weeks ago and attempted to take part in singing the "Grabenfeld" his voice failed and he was obliged to desist. On being urged by the other singers to again attempt to sing he moodily replied: "No, boys, I can't sing. My throat has gone back on me," and then added prophetically "now appears: 'My funeral will be the first one at which you will sing it anyhow'—and it was."

### A Large Family

Born in Lucerne, Switzerland, sixty-eight years ago, he came to America when but eighteen years of age, and came direct to St. Joseph, where in 1871 he was married to Miss Caroline Wildberger, who with seven sons and four daughters survive him. For twenty years he resided in Atchison, where in his profession as an architect, he planned and erected many of the best structures there, which stand as monuments to his memory. In 1898 he made his permanent residence

here, and the handsome Block building, Shaare Sholem Synagogue and many other notable structures of St. Joseph will for years to come stand as reminders of his genius and tact.

He was county surveyor of Atchison county, Kansas, also city engineer of Atchison while a resident there, and in St. Joseph he was president of the board of public works for seven years and did much effective work in this public capacity. He was a Turner and was known all over the Missouri Valley as an athlete. He was at the time of his death third vice president of the National German-American Alliance, and the present president of the local organization.

The family whom he leaves to deplore the taking away of a true and noble husband and father beside the widow consists of his sons: George A. Henry O., Rudolph A., Oscar W., and Charles W. Meier, St. Joseph; Fred Meier, Rockford, Mo., and Eugene R. Meier, Kansas City. The daughters are Mrs. David H. Baker, Atchison; Mrs. Cecil C. Roberts, St. Joseph; Mrs. Earl N. Cooper, St. Joseph, and Mrs. Charles H. Ruder, St. Louis.

Alfred Meier was a man whom no family can lose without an almost severing of heart strings—whom no city or community can afford to lose, and if they do his death comes as a public calamity.

### DODD'S FAST DASH

It Recalls the Famous Riders of the Pony Express on Their Dash to the Coast

There is much being said now of the ride which Colonel Dodd's troops made on his dash into Mexico after the Villa bandits, and in which he and his troopers covered fifty-five miles in seventeen hours, the ride being made under most unpleasant conditions on account of the bad roads and other miserable conditions.

Of course, Colonel Dodd's ride was a notable one, but with what was an everyday occurrence out of St. Joseph fifty years ago it was not so much of a ride.

When the old pony express was started from this city, the marker in Patee Park showing where the first rider mounted his pony, which was inaugurated for the purpose of carrying mail from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento, Cal., a distance of 1,966 miles, it was planned that each rider should cover seventy-five miles a day on three different horses.

It was found that twenty-five miles was too much for the horses for a regular unbroken gallop, and the distance was reduced to from ten to twelve miles. For that distance every horse was pushed to his limit.

The shortest time in which the entire distance of 1,966 miles was covered by pony express riders was made in March, 1861. They carried Lincoln's inaugural address to the Golden state in seven days and seventeen hours, an average speed of over 10½ miles an hour.

A rider named Haslam dashed off 120 miles in eight hours and ten minutes. Another pony expressman covered one ten-mile stretch in thirty-one minutes, which is better than most of the Rocky mountain railroad limited trains can do.

The news that Fort Sumter had been fired upon was flashed from St. Joseph to Sacramento in eight days and fourteen hours.

Jim Moore once rode 280 miles at an average speed of eighteen miles per hour. The horses were the best that could be obtained and made short runs of from ten to twelve miles.

No wonder that sometimes a letter had \$27 worth of stamps upon it when carried under such extraordinary conditions!

### ONE OF PET CLAYTON'S JINGLES

The young man whispered soft and low, "I never loved another." Then spake the maid: "I didn't know Ananias had a brother."

The Lincoln club, at the annual meeting of the directors, honored Capt. John A. Duncan by re-electing him president of the organization.

The St. Joseph parks and driveways are soon to be beautified with flowers, shrubbery and other foliage from the city greenhouses, and the work of constructing the beds and designs is under way.

The state convention of the Missouri Grand Lodge of the Degree of Honor met for its triennial session Tuesday at the I. O. O. F. hall, with more than one hundred delegates in attendance.